

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
NORTHERN DIVISION**

CHRISTOPHER BARBOUR,

*Petitioner,*

-vs-

Civil Action No. 2:01cv612-ECM

JEFFERSON S. DUNN, Commissioner,  
Alabama Department of Corrections,

*Respondent.*

**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

Come now Respondent, by and through the Attorney General for the State of Alabama, and Petitioner, by and through undersigned counsel for Petitioner, and, pursuant to this Court's March 30, 2021 order granting limited discovery, provide the following status report:

1. As described in the parties' joint status report, filed August 2, by agreement of the parties, Forensic Analytical Crime Laboratory Director, Alan Keel, commenced testing a vaginal swab from the crime scene in the above-captioned case.
2. Following Mr. Keel's August 5 email to Petitioner's counsel that Mr. Barbour, Mr. Hester, and Mr. Roberts had all been eliminated as the source of the semen on the vaginal swab taken from Mrs. Roberts after she was killed, Mr. Keel prepared a report describing the DNA profile found on the vaginal swab.
3. On September 23, Mr. Keel forwarded that report to Acadiana Crime Laboratory in New Iberia, Louisiana to conduct a comparison with the CODIS national DNA database.

4. In the meantime, per agreement of the parties, Mr. Keel has begun testing additional items of crime-scene evidence, beginning with the knife found in Mrs. Thelma Roberts's body and a pair of pajama bottoms believed to be worn by her the night of her death.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on October 1, 2021, a copy of the foregoing pleading was served by operation of the Court's ECF system on:

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